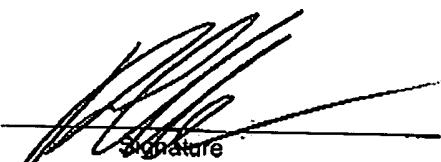


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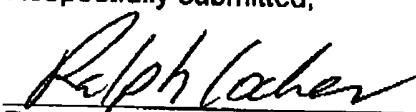
Responsive to a telephone call with undersigned counsel, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the election requirement, applicants elect group C, the species of Fig. 3, for prosecution at this time.

The following claims read on the elected species of Fig. 3: claims 1-18.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of all of the claims are solicited.

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